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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7, and 9 are pending in the present application. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's prompt response to their February 3, 2002, communication.

In view of the Applicants recent conversation with the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the Declaration of Drs. Dong and Ip originally submitted on October 15, 2001, and especially Paragraph 4 thereof, in view of the Examiner's comments in the February 20, 2002, Advisory Action that experiments describes by Drs. Dong and Ip were not controlled for weight.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the invention as claimed fully meets all requirements for patentability and that the claims are worthy of allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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APPENDIX 1

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1. A method of treating hypertension in humans comprising:
 - a) providing a subject and a composition comprising a safe and effective amount conjugated linoleic acid; and
 - b) administering said conjugated linoleic acid composition to said subject under conditions such that blood pressure of said subjects is reduced.
 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the conjugated linoleic acid composition is a mixture of octadecadienoic acid isomers selected from the group of cis-9, trans-11; cis-9, cis-11; trans-9, cis-11; trans-9, trans-11; cis-10, cis-12; cis-10, trans-12; trans-10, cis-12; trans-10, trans-12 octadecadienoic acid.
 3. The method of Claim 1 wherein the conjugated linoleic acid composition consists essentially of octadecadienoic acid isomers selected from 9,11 octadecadienoic acid, 10,12 octadecadienoic acid, and mixtures thereof.
 7. The method of Claim 1 wherein the conjugated linoleic acid is administered orally.
 9. The method of Claim 1 wherein said safe and effective amount of conjugated linoleic acid is about 0.1 grams to 20 grams.